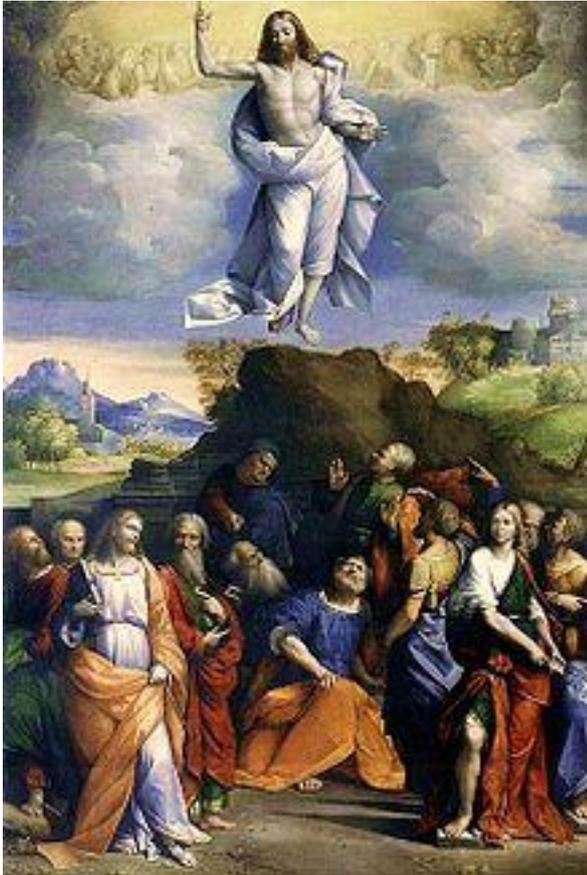




Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings to you all.



Ascension Day

The *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord* (usually known as Ascension Thursday or Ascension Day) is one of the great solemnities, in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of **Easter**. However, the Auckland Diocese has moved the observance to the following Sunday, this year being the 17th May. The feast is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e., universally celebrated), ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost.

Feast of Ascension *Ascension of Christ* by Garofalo, 1520

Mothers' Day Mass

Last Friday, the whole school joined with the Parish as Father Iosevo celebrated a beautiful mass for all the Mothers in our community. At the end of mass Father invited all the mothers in the church up to the altar and gave a special blessing. It was great to see so many there. The children were reminded to thank their own mothers or those who are in that role in their lives for everything they do. Many parishioners and families expressed how wonderful the mass was. Special thanks to Mrs Tui, Mrs Pulotu and their team for all their hard work preparing for the mass.

Virtues Certificate

The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last assembly.

Seine T	- Patience	Diego H	- Self-management
Christopher S	- Caring	Jabez S	- Excellence
Mikaela T	- Enthusiasm	Fale'aka T	- Excellence
Gabrielle E	- Courage	Aaliyah T	- Helpfulness
Jane S	- Reliability	Monique S	- Enthusiasm
Fonuamotu M	- Reliability	Alan S	- Self-discipline



The Room 7 Learners presented a great assembly last week showcasing all the learning activities they have been involved with so far this year. Each member acted as a reporter and videoed a news item telling us what they did and what they learned. There are certainly some stars of the future coming through our school. Well done Room 7.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MUM!

BY

My mother is special because she helps me with my homework and she is as pretty as an angel. My mother does food for us when its almost night time. She is like a princess. She loves me so much. She washes my clothes, my sister's clothes, my brother Laki's clothes and my big brother. She is the best mum in the world because she buys me new stuff that I like. I love my mum so much because she irons my clothes and their clothes. She gives me a shower, she makes me lunch and dresses me for school and church.

CHRISTOPHER PESE (ROOM 4)

On Saturday I went with my mum to Point England in our car to see the Kids Safety Program, from the newsletter. When we got there we sat in the shade. While we were there I asked mum if I could play on the big slide. There were a lot policemen there. After that I went for a swim. There were lifeguards at the beach. I spoke to some life guards. I was cold. The water was freezing. After that I went back to my mum. I wore some police clothes because my mum let me wear it. I took a photo of myself and my friend, Maea. Maea asked my mum for our phone number. After seeing Maea we went to the shop to eat and drink because I was hungry. When we got home I went for a shower. When I finished I started to fall asleep.



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Retreat Fundraising

Our Year 8 Leaders are preparing for their Retreat at the Franciscan Friary later this term and are busy fundraising. Thank you to everybody who has been able to support this so far and into the future. There are a couple of things planned for the next few weeks so we really appreciate all the support we can get. Lotto Bonus Draw tickets available from any Year 8 student or Mrs Tui.

American Visitors



On Thursday we hosted a group of students, recent graduates and staff from Furman University in South Carolina. This is the second time they have visited St Pius X. Professor Lipscomb and the students all said how much they enjoyed meeting our students and talking about

their learning. They also commented on how friendly and welcoming the St Pius learners are. They were particularly impressed with the swimming pool as they had never seen anything like it back in America. They have all agreed to keep looking at our student blogs and hopefully make some comments.

Swimming Lessons



Our swimming lessons have now started with support from professional coaches from YMCA based at Glen Innes Swim Centre. The children and staff are having a great time learning this important skill. Each child receives 10 free 30 minute lessons which is great. Previously only Year 3-6 children qualified. The instructors have told me just how pleased they are with both our staff and students so well done school!

Rules for Swimming

All children are expected to swim unless they have an illness, or an open cut or sore. They will need a written note from a parent to explain why they can't swim. This is part of



the NZ Curriculum and part of our teaching programme. The children will need some suitable togs and a towel, brought to school in a plastic bag so their books won't get wet inside school bags. Please put the child's name on togs so 'when' they are lost we can return them quickly.

School Uniform

Black school shoes should now be worn as part of our school uniform. We also have quite a number of school jerseys sitting unnamed in the lost property. Please check if your child can't find their jersey.



Te Oro - Official Opening was last Saturday 9th May



The long held community dream of a music and arts centre for young people in Glen Innes is now here. In this multi-purpose space young people and the local community can come together to perform, practise and learn the arts; express their creativity and talents; and celebrate their cultures. Almost 80 percent of the offered courses are free.

Term 2 2015

May					
11 Photo Life Portraits	Week 4	12	13	14 Visit from Furman University – Atlanta BOT Boards' Forum 6.30 Pt England Sch	15
18 RE Cluster Meetings BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Week 5	19	20	21 Year 8 Retreat Friary Day 1	22 Year 8 Retreat Friary Day 2 Rooms 1 & 6 Mass
25 RE Focus God Strand	Week 6	26	27	28 Sailor the Puffer Fish Show 2.00pm	29
June					
1 Queen's Birthday Holiday	Week 7	2	3	4	5 Rooms 4 & 5 Mass
8 Photo Life Class/Team photos	Week 8	9	10 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention	11 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention BOT Boards' Forum 6.30 Panmure Bridge School	12 NZ Catholic Schools' Convention
15	Week 9	16	17	18	19
22	Week 10	23	24 Cluster Orienteering	25 3 Way Goal-setting conferences. All families need to attend. 1.00-7.30pm Interview times will be allocated.	26 Rooms 1, 3, 4 attend Mass
29	Week 11	30			
July					
			1	2	3 Rooms 5,6, 7 attend Mass Last Day of Term 2



Creating Communities is transforming Glen Innes into one of Auckland's most liveable suburbs – a sought after location that offers you the benefit of central living at a price you won't find in neighbouring suburbs.

For the third year **Creating Communities** have supported our school by helping our students with their learning and physical activities. We have had fantastic new netball, sports and this year, rugby jerseys provided by generous grants. We have also had Maths Whizz licences paid for all our senior students which is having a very positive impact on our achievement levels. As a school it is great that local businesses are so willing to help local schools with their needs. Thank you.